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Todd Akin Calls for Bi-Partisan Earmark Reform

WASHINGTON, DC - Congressman Todd Akin (R-MO), the Ranking Member of the Oversight & Investigations Subcommittee of the House Armed Services Committee, is calling on his fellow Members of Congress to sign a discharge petition concerning earmark reform.

Upon signing the discharge petition this morning, Akin stated, "This petition will bring the Congress one step closer to allowing for both openness and reform of the earmark process. The Democrat majority ran on a platform of openness so I fully expect my Democrat colleagues to allow a vote on earmark reform."

The push for an earmark reform bill comes from House Republican Leader, John Boehner (R-OH), who has asked Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) to schedule a vote on earmark reform. Thus far, no action has been taken by Pelosi.

Akin went on to say, "The Comptroller General has said that the federal government must reform its spending practices or else we will be the first American generation that will pass on a lower standard of living to our children."

Currently, the earmark reform petition has been signed by more than 100 Republican Members of Congress.